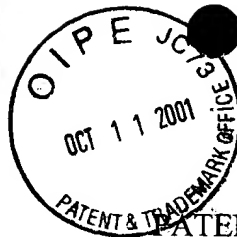


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| For: INFORMATION PROVIDING |) | |
| METHOD, INFORMATION |) | |
| PROVIDING SYSTEM, |) | |
| TERMINAL APPARATUS AND |) | |
| STORAGE MEDIUM STORING |) | |
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English abstracts.

To the best of Applicants' knowledge, a first Office Action has not yet been received for this application.

An aspect of the present invention set forth in Claims 1, 29, 60, and 88 includes determining a layout for printing a first information corresponding to an inputted code on a paper sheet, and then attaching a second information, which is printed in a margin on the paper sheet, to the first information. The second information is, for example,

an advertisement. Since the layout is not fixed but is determined according to the first information, the first information for which a user desires to obtain can be properly printed.

Applicants submit that the information of record in this application does not teach or suggest the feature discussed above.

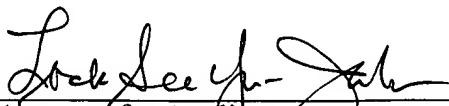
In an aspect of the present invention set forth in Claims 101 to 103, an information registrant who registers a first information to be provided to a user can set whether or not a second information may be attached to the registered first information when the registered first information is provided to the user. Since the second information is not attached to the registered first information if the registrant does not so permit, the registered first information will be provided to the user according to the registrant's wishes.

Applicants submit that the information of record in this application does not teach or suggest that a registrant can set whether or not a second information may be attached to a registered first information.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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